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Administrative changes reshape TSU

By Keisha Clopton
Staff Writer

Augustus Bankhead, former assistant dean of undergraduate studies at the College of Business, has been appointed to serve as TSU's interim vice president of Academic Affairs. His appointment is one of a series of administrative changes that took place over the summer.

Bankhead, who has been with TSU for 35 years, is excited about his new position. "I would like to improve class scheduling. I also want to encourage students to go to class regularly. I want them to put their studies first," Bankhead said.

Along with Bankhead's appointment is Camellia Taylor's appointment as acting dean of Admissions and Records. Taylor, who served as the assistant dean of the same office, could not be reached for comments.

Bankhead and Taylor replaced Arthur Washington and Esrline Vanderbilt, respectively. Washington will still have tenure as a biology professor.

Among other changes are Sandra Holt's appointment as director of the Honors Program and Clinton M. Lipsey's appointment as the interim dean of the Graduate School.

Holt has been with TSU for 22 years as an associate professor in the Department of Communications and is very familiar with the program.

"I am excited and have a lot of ideas that I hope to share with the program," Holt said. "I want to make the Honors Center a place where students can feel comfortable. I feel that it is very important."

Lipsey has been with TSU for 22 years also, as a professor in the Department of Sociology. Lipsey said his goals are, first, to operate a friendly and sufficient office; second, to recruit more students into the Graduate School; and third, to get more money for graduate assistantships.



Augustus Bankhead, acting vice
president of Academic Affairs

"This is an exciting time for me and I am very pleased to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity," he said.

Hefner said there will be no more administrative changes, and he will be announcing the vacancies. It may take up to a year for these positions to be filled, he said.

Regarding Washington and Vanderbilt's dismissals, the president

would not make any comments. "These are personnel matters and I do not make it a policy to comment on those," he said.

Vanderbilt, former dean of the Office of Admissions and Records, said his dismissal was a political move on behalf of President Hefner.

"I feel that it was an unfair process," Vanderbilt said. "I have contributed a lot of hours to TSU in the one and a half years that I've been here. I feel that I have made tremendous improvement and progress. When I arrived at TSU, it took three days for a student to enroll and I have changed that to 20 minutes," he said.

Vanderbilt said that he has been working in the area of admissions since 1977 with an unblemished track record.

"It is a shame that the Tennessee Board of Regents, faculty, staff and students will allow the president to sacrifice people the way he did. Dr. Washington and I were sacrificed for our lack of political ties," Vanderbilt said.

Washington would not comment on his dismissal. However he did say that he was in Atlanta, Georgia when he first heard rumors of his dismissal.

"I later heard it from others and members of the administration, then the president," Washington said.

Washington said his dismissal was one of disappointment.

"When you look at some of the things I have accomplished, you will see I have accomplished more in the 23 months I have been here than anyone has in the past five or six years," he said.

Washington's last comment was, "Honesty is the best policy. Everyone should be honest. All officials."



James A. Hefner, president of
Tennessee State University

Hefner welcomes changes to TSU campus in speech to freshmen

By Getahn M. Ward
Staff Writer

Every building on TSU campus, including the downtown campus, will be renovated by 1995, according to President James A. Hefner.

On changes going on at TSU, Hefner said, "We do not apologize for these changes, but we welcome them."

TSU is the only institution in higher education in America to receive \$112 million for renovation, he said.

Addressing more than 500 freshmen during the opening orientation, Hefner said when the construction and renovation work is completed, TSU will have one of the most beautiful campuses in the state of Tennessee.

He said the freshman class of 1993 is very special to him. "Four years from now, I want to say that it was one of the best in TSU's history."

"I want TSU, through you, to have a profound impact on the course of human life and destiny, and the improvement of the quality of human experiences and aspirations."

Hefner told the freshmen that their time spent here will be special. "Our common goal at TSU is to provide a nurturing experience for our students," he said.

He asked the freshmen to beware of peer pressure and avoid "doing too many things too fast."

Hefner said students need to know how to be a winner, have a basic sense of moral judgment and a competitive spirit.

He also challenged the incoming freshmen to be humble, think big, be loyal to academic excellence and remember that nothing comes easily if it is worthwhile.

African-American Street Festival to draw community together in celebration of harmony

By Shani White
Staff writer

This year's African-American Street Festival will be a celebration of spiritual and cultural harmony, according to Alicelene Hunter, coordinator of the festival.

The event—the 11th annual African Music, Arts, Dance, and Entertainment (MADE) in the USA Street Festival—will take place on Sept. 18 and 19 on the main campus of Tennessee State University.

"This is a celebration that the community should and must be a part of,"

Hunter said. "This may be one of the few times that we, as a people, can come together in unity."

This two-day event will feature arts and crafts; reggae, gospel, and rap music groups; dancers; traditional African garments and Caribbean-style food. In addition, there will be an African outdoor market featuring more than 100 merchants with arts, fashion, jewelry, fragrances, and many one-of-a-kind items.

The Free Spirit African Stilt Walkers will highlight the festivities by moving through the crowd on stilts to represent a central idea in African cultures—balance. Thiakaba (chec-ka-ba), a stilt walker origi-

nally from Kassamas, Senegal, is a magical figure in the voodoo spirits of the Mandinka Sossa tribe. Now, his duty is to spread joy on Sundays and holidays. To the Mandinka Sossa people, Thiakaba is the manifestation of great magic.

"This festival is not only an African celebration, but a belief in Nguzosaba, or the seven principles of life," Hunter said. "Self determination, economic stability, and faith are all embodied in these seven principles."

Nashville's annual African street festivals are sponsored by the African-American Cultural Alliance. For more information, call (615) 242-3142.

National and Community Service program gains momentum



President Clinton gives details of his national service legislation in a speech at the University of New Orleans.

White House Press Release

When he announced his candidacy for president, Bill Clinton outlined a vision for a "domestic Peace Corps," in which young Americans would serve our country and earn money for college in return. At his inaugural, the president called on Americans to join together in

"seasons of service." Then in his March and May speeches at Rutgers University and the University of New Orleans, the president laid out details of a national service legislation. House and Senate Committees reported out the president's bill with bipartisan support in June. Now, less than seven months after the inaugural,

the National and Community Service Act is poised to become the law of the land.

The service initiative is new public policy founded on the oldest American principles of opportunity, responsibility, and community. The legislation embodies principles of "reinventing government" — relying on communities instead of bureaucracies to develop programs, stimulating competition for funds rather than offering block grants, and measurable performance in meeting unmet needs. But national service's central principle is the old American idea that by working together, we can improve our lives, bridge our differences, and lift up our nation.

The specific provisions of the final legislation are the same in every major solution the president proposed. The service program will:

Create a new Corporation for National and Community Service that combines existing agencies and allows new employees to be hired through a flexible, merit-based process.

Enable Americans to earn an educational award of nearly \$5,000 for each term in service, in addition to a small stipend and basic benefits.

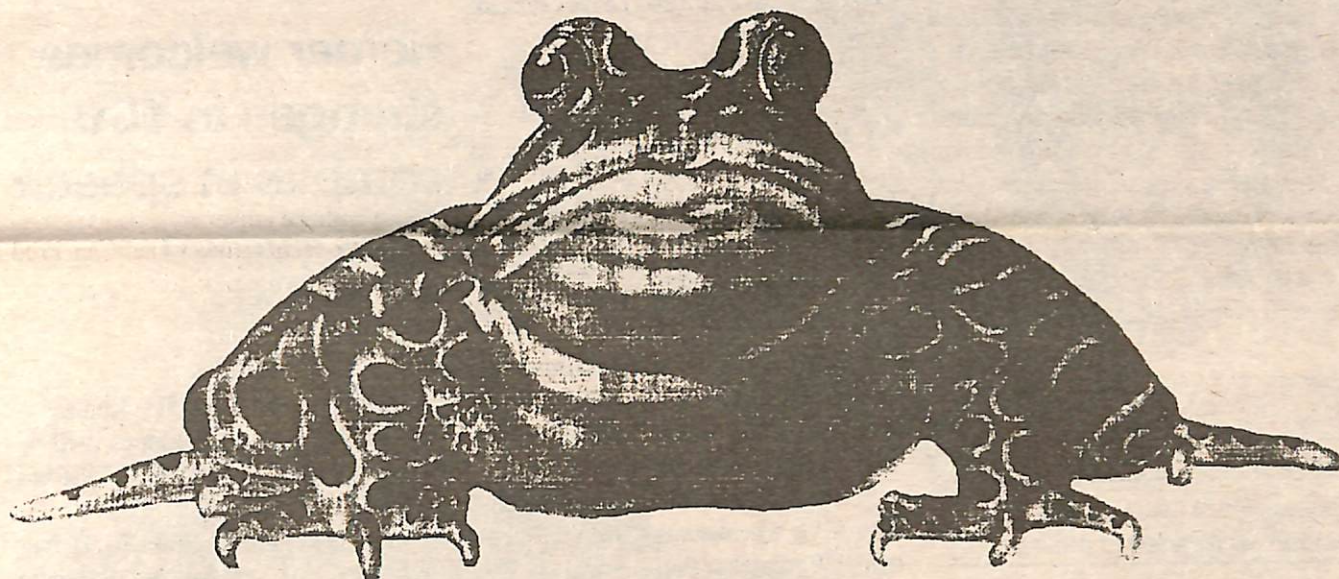
Make information about service pro-

grams widely available to Americans while leaving recruitment at the local level.

Require measurable results in meeting clear needs: immunizing infants, tutoring children at risk, cleaning up national parks, fighting crime, and so on.

Enable 100,000 Americans to serve our country and pay for school over the next three years.

Congress acted quickly on the legislation — three months from introduction, it has been passed. The program enjoyed strong bipartisan support. A majority of Senate Committee Republicans voted favorably to report out the initiative, and in the end 26 House Senate Republicans supported the legislation. At the same time, Democrats were nearly perfectly united in support: all 56 Senate Democrats voted to end a threatened filibuster. Only five House Democrats opposed the program on passage. The final conference version of the National and Community Service Trust Act has passed the House in August. The senate is expected to do the same in September after returning from a break. With the swift action of the congress, the Corporation for National and Community Service will be up and running October 1.



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So hop to it and call the AFROTC office collect at TSU, 1-320-3716 to discuss your future in Air Force ROTC. Unless you are happy being a small frog in a large pond, call today and we'll get you on your way. Rrrriibbbittt.

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Traci Morris, class of 1993

New graduate completes Honors Program at UT

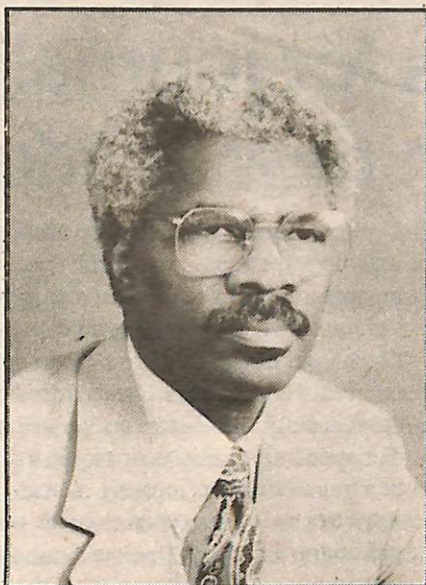
Traci Morris, a 1993 agricultural science graduate, completed an honors program at the University of Tennessee this past summer.

Selected for the Ronald McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program at the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources in Knoxville, Morris participated in an eight-week program of educational enrichment designed to encourage promising students to pursue an advanced degree.

Morris completed an internship in agricultural economics and rural sociology in conjunction with her program mentor, Charles Clelland. She finished a project titled "Measuring Rurality: The Connectedness Index."

The McNair program, named for Challenger space shuttle astronaut Roland McNair, is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education on a competitive basis. UT is in its fourth year of participation.

Of 35 McNair scholars at UT this summer, seven have chosen to work in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, a fact that indicates the college "must have something that a relatively large percentage of students are looking for," said Dr. Gary Schneider, acting dean.



Richard H. Sinkfield, class of 1968

Sinkfield elected to Weyerhaeuser corporate board

Richard H. Sinkfield, a 1968 graduate of Tennessee State University and a senior partner with the law firm of Rogers and Hardin in Atlanta, was recently elected to the board of directors of Weyerhaeuser Company, according to a press release by Chairman George Weyerhaeuser.

Sinkfield, a trial lawyer with practice emphasis in business tort litigation, which includes federal and state securities fraud and antitrust and employment law, has been a partner with Rogers and Hardin since 1976.

After graduation from TSU with a degree in political science, Sinkfield received his law degree from Vanderbilt University. He is a member of the board of trustees of Vanderbilt and is counsel to the Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games Ethics Board. He is a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers and a member of the board of governors of the State Bar of Georgia.

"We are very pleased to have someone with the qualifications of Richard Sinkfield join our board," Weyerhaeuser said. "He is distinguished by accomplishments and leadership both in his legal career and personally in his service to the community. We look forward to having his counsel through the many opportunities and challenges facing us in years ahead."

ALUMNI ACHIEVERS

Campus Beauty Salon provides full range of services to TSU students and staff

By Lynette Brooks
Staff Writer

Where can you go to get hair-styles ranging from French Rolls and Scrunches, to Finger Waves and Rodded Sets? Where can you go to have the latest techniques in nail beauty services, such as air-brushing and free-hand art? Well, plan to make a visit to the TSU Beauty Salon located on the first floor of the Student Center, across the hall from the Kean Gymnasium.

Manager and hair stylist Omma McLaurine, along with hair stylists Doretha Boleyjack and Michelle Horsey, and nail technicians Kena Coleman and Ronda Garrett provide services ranging from the latest hair designs to various nail artwork and manicures.

All of the salon staff are licensed beauticians by the Tennessee Board of Cosmetology. McLaurine and Boleyjack will soon be appointed as two of Tennessee's Top Ten Hair Designers. McLaurine and Coleman have a combined total of 27 years of experience in the hair and nail beautification business.

Coleman said that one of the most recent and unknown types of manicures is the American Manicure. As for the latest in hair styles, McLaurine said that long,

braided styles are very popular right now. She also commented that no style ever really goes out; something different is just added to it. To keep current on the latest trends, the staff frequently attend workshops.

Coleman said that the time length of scheduled appointments for hair varies depending upon the type of style and other services being provided. Nail appointments are scheduled every 45 minutes. Consideration is given to any customer who has limited time for his/her salon appointment so that the remainder of his/her daily schedule will not suffer. Walk-ins are also welcome.

The TSU Beauty Salon is an extension of the Burns Professional Hair Design Salon located on Charlotte Avenue. It is contracted to be a part of the university. Hattie Burns is the owner of the Charlotte-area salon and the TSU salon. Although the salon is not a full-service salon, a variety of services are offered with the exception of facials. All prices for students, faculty, and staff have been previously set at discounted rates in accordance with the university's policies. The salon also retails Dudley Hair Care Products and nail-care products.

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Meter strives for journalistic excellence in new academic year

Since James A. Hefner took over as president of Tennessee State University, the slogan "a commitment to excellence" has become a household phrase on campus. We, the staff members of *The Meter*, begin this academic year by making a commitment to excellence.

Looking back 43 years to the time when *The Meter* made her debut, we have certainly come a long way. Nevertheless, we realize that we still have a long way to go. This is why we plan to use the 1993-94 academic year to join the Hefner campaign to achieve excellence in all areas of the university.

To commit ourselves to excellence, we will strive to accomplish the following goals during this academic year: publish a quality newspaper every other week; expand our news coverage by reporting on events and activities related to students, faculty, administrators, as well as the community around this campus; serve as a more effective "measure of student opinion" on issues of concern to this university; and work along with the administration, faculty and staff of this institution to provide a fair and accurate portrayal of life at TSU.

It is in this light that we appeal to the

entire TSU family to join us in our efforts. We need support from the administration through the provision of necessary materials and more incentives to encourage our staff. We need letters and articles from faculty, staff, and students on issues that concern us. However, the views expressed in submitted articles are not necessarily the opinion of *The Meter*. We need new ideas and suggestions on how we can improve our service to the TSU community. It is only with your support that we can achieve our goals. Join us in our commitment to excellence.

Welcome Back!

Freshman laments frustration of college life

By Heather Polk
Staff Writer

Lines, waiting, registration, financial aid, dorms, roommates, anxiety, money, scholarships, grades, classes, professors, and parties. These are just a sample of frustrations to be encountered while in college.

FRUSTRATIONS

Fear of failure
Rough experiences
Understanding nothing
State of mind
Tangled situations
Rampant stress
Ant hill turned mountain
Thoughtless actions
Initial confusions

On, and on, and on
No escape
Sounds like frustrations.

Every high school teacher's famous words are "I'm just trying to prepare you for college." They have failed in one aspect—preparation for frustration. Why not create a high school class specifically designed for coping with college frustrations. For something that seems so incapable, it is rarely discussed.

Many of the problems we face that cause frustration can be avoided. But of course there are the unavoidable. What is important is that we grow and learn from each experience. I guess you can't be prepared for everything in life, just be willing to take the good with the bad.

Remember there is always someone

willing to help you get through your fears and inhibitions, be it friends, family, or professionals. So when that ant hill seems to turn into a mountain, or if you are trapped in what seems like no escape, remember that it's just frustration knocking on life's door once again, but you must keep the faith.

SEA OF FAITH

*This sea will carry me
through and through,
over and over.
Past tribulation
on to jubilation.
Faith allows me another day.
Floating along dreary at times.
Through grace I continue.
The Sea of Faith leads me.*

SGA president's message

Student participation is key to success

To the whole student body at TSU from the SGA, I welcome you all back and wish you all have a successful academic year, amid hectic registration, a disastrous move-in at Wilson Hall, and the fear of receiving no financial aid for the upcoming year. The student government is committed to serving and helping you with all of your problems no matter how small or how big they are. This is the year that the African-American student body will be unified. The campus violence that has plagued us will cease, and we will take our rightful place as students at Tennessee State University.

My name is Rahssan Robinson, and I have been in the Student Government Association for the past five years. During those years I have seen everything from sit-ins and scandals to the triumphs of leaders trying to survive at Tennessee State during the hectic years of being asked by a white supremacist system to be 50% white by this year of 1993. This is the year that I have promised to myself that the student government will exceed former administrations, and put forth a stronger image to the student body.

We feel that it is something that we owe you as your student leaders for this year of 1993-94, and we plan on making our dreams a reality for you. We are the architects of the

plan of leadership, but we need you to be there as the construction workers for our plans. Without your involvement our plans are not possible.

I ask that you never give up on your dreams here at TSU. My dream was to become SGA president, and I had lost 2



Rahssan Robinson,
SGA president

elections prior to this victory. So it does not matter how many times you lose. You should never give up on your dreams. That is what made John Merritt, who made the football team the team with one million friends, and what pushed Thomas Edward Poag to create one of the top theatrical organizations among college campuses, the T.E. Poag player's Guild. This is what, back in 1966, drove an undergraduate by the name of Levi Watkins

to become the first African-American to graduate from Vanderbilt School of Medicine, and to become the head cardiologist at John Hopkins University. This is also what drove Harold Ford to become a powerhouse congressman in Memphis, Tenn. They were ordinary people just like you, with goals in life, who used Tennessee State University to reach their goals.

With such a legacy, you don't need to be ashamed of attending this university; once you enter this university, you are among the greatest. All that I ask of you as your president is that you join me in preserving this institution as the state's primary African-American university. That alone has been my main goal to raise the blood-stained banner of those who built this institution from the ground, and turned it into the shining diamond of a university that you see now.

In conclusion, I ask you to live by the university mottoes of "Think, Work, and Serve" and to "Enter to Learn, and Go Forth to Serve." Please note that a commitment to excellence is not the university's motto; and no matter how bad things get at this university, the good things are right around the corner.

Floyd's contributions as educator created more opportunities for education of African-Americans

By Getahn M. Ward
Staff Writer

The passing this summer of former Tennessee State University president and Tennessee Board of Regents Chancellor, Otis L. Floyd came as a shock to everyone, including his many critics.

Floyd's death has been described by some as a blow to the African-American community, because he was the first black in the State of Tennessee to head a prestigious institution like the TBR. One wonders how many years would elapse before another African-American ascend to that position.

Floyd followed the footsteps of other African-American educators like Booker T. Washington, Benjamin Carver and Mary Bethune who ardently sought to create more opportunities and better conditions for the education of the African-American.

Upon hearing of Floyd's death this summer, I wondered what peace he had leaving this troubled world of pain and grief. Just a few days before his death, I had sat behind my desk in the student center pondering on some of the issues the *Meter* would be dealing with this fall. I thought about the need to do a special edition on the Stipulation of Settlement, which would seek to objectively enlighten our students about the nature of this controversial document.

I had thought about the possibility of sending someone to interview Floyd on his years at TSU and give him a chance to explain his side of the story, to give us the rationale for the stance he took on the stipulation issue. I realized that it was now too late to do such a story, because Floyd had passed.

As I sat, reflecting on the dilemma of life and death, I conceived the idea of writing an article about Floyd. For some strange reason, his life and experience reminded me of another great African-American educator, Booker T. Washington. In my history classes, I learned about Washington's journey through life; and as the similarities between these two men began to strike me, the title of this article was conceived.

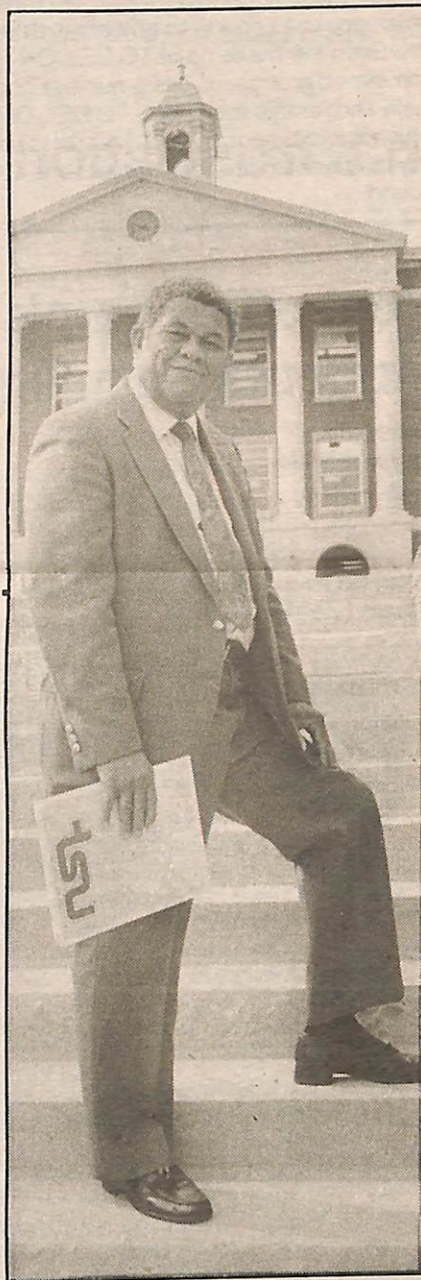
Like Washington, Floyd made significant contributions to ensure that better conditions were created for the education of the African-American. Both men had some common philosophies, and shared similar backgrounds and life experiences.

Born into slavery in 1856, and after a difficult struggle for his own education, Washington founded Tuskegee Institute in 1881 with assistance from northern white

philanthropists. Washington believed that both blacks and whites needed one another in order to survive. He did not agree with the views of William DuBois and several other black leaders on the issue of segregation.

Because of his liberal views and "accommodationist" philosophy, he received staunch criticism in many quarters. Nevertheless, Washington continued to take his message across the United States and showed through his actions that he was genuinely committed to the struggle by African-Americans for full equality and justice.

Otis L. Floyd was born in McNairy County, Tenn. in 1928 as the third of five children. According to information published in the latest issue of the *Accent*, a



Dr. Otis Floyd, 1928-1993

TSU community publication, Floyd's parents believed strongly in education. Following his graduation from Lane College, he decided to become a teacher. He then got his first teaching job at a one-room school in Purdy, Tenn., where he served as a principal, teacher, custodian and doctor for the school and the community.

The *Accent* further reports that Floyd came to Nashville during the summers of 1965 and 1966 to work on his master's degree at TSU. He later received his doctoral degree from Memphis State University in 1980. Upon graduating from TSU in 1966, he began a career working for nearly twenty years in predominantly white educational organizations.

Among positions he held were: supervisor of the equal opportunity program at the Tennessee Department of Education; deputy commissioner of the same department; assistant to the president and vice president for administration at Middle Tennessee State University; interim president and president of Tennessee State University; and finally as chancellor of the state board of regents.

While serving as president of TSU, Floyd worked towards improving the university's academic programs, expanding the school's involvement in research and encouraging the state to provide funds for the improvement of facilities on campus.

However, he came under a lot of criticism in the fall of 1984, when TSU received a mandate from a federal court to achieve a 50 percent white student enrollment by 1993. Many students felt that as president, Floyd should have taken a stronger stance against the stipulation of settlement.

When I entered TSU less than two years ago, the first impression I got of Floyd was that of an "ugly devil." I quickly learned that many of my colleagues regarded him as one who had betrayed his race by reaching a compromise with the powers that be.

While I was conducting research into Floyd's tenure as president of TSU, most information I found seemed to support former *Meter* and *Third Eye* Editor Jerry Ingram's label of Floyd as an "Uncle Tom."

The first time I saw Floyd in person was at ceremonies marking the dedication of the Floyd-Payne Student Center last year. I stood by as he boldly accepted the honor bestowed upon him, despite the nearby protest of several students over the fact that the building was being named in his honor. As I watched, I had no choice but to sympathize with the pain Floyd seemed to be going through deep down inside, even though he smiled gently on the outside and tried to show a good sense of humor.

As Floyd spoke, rather than seeing the image of a compromising wimp, I saw a strong man; a man willing to stand up for his beliefs, despite the rejection and mockery he received. How could such a man who seemed to be dedicated to seeing the improvement of conditions at a historically black institution like TSU be labeled an "Uncle Tom," I wondered.

This taught me a great lesson in life--that leadership involves the making of tough decisions, and once a decision is made, people have to be willing to live with the consequences of their actions.

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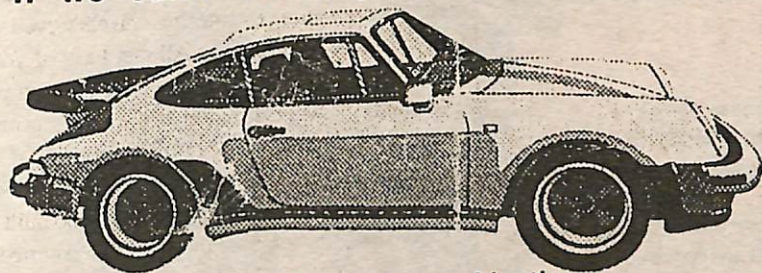
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All roads lead to Memphis, Tenn. during the weekend of Sept. 17-18 for a series of activities, including a classic concert featuring Luther Vandross and En Vogue.

The concert, which takes place on the 17th at the pyramid, will also feature comedian Lewis Dix.

Vandross, whose latest duet with Regina Bell hit the top of the pop charts, is expected to give the audience an unforgettable treat. While the pretty ladies of Envogue are expected to rock the audience to hits like "Giving him something he can feel," "Give it up, turn it loose;" and "Hold On."

Activities scheduled to be held prior to the concert include a corporate luncheon featuring Grambling State University's head football coach Eddie

Robinson and Tennessee State University football coach Bill Davis; and a president's reception honoring GSU President Harold Lundy and TSU President James A. Hefner. The reception will be hosted by W.W. Harrington, mayor of Memphis. Both events are by invitations only.

On Saturday morning, Aug. 18, the Ed "Too Tall" Jones golf classic takes place at the T.O. Fuller State Park golf course. At 11pm, a classic fashion show will be presented by the Memphis chapter of 100 black women.

A "classic" tailgate party scheduled to be held between 12 noon and 6 pm will climax the weekend's activities. The party is scheduled to be held in the Liberty Bowl, venue of the TSU-GSU tangle of the Tigers.



FROM THE LAND OF THE FUNKY—Oakland, California that is — comes a trio of freedom worshipping hip-hoppers who dare to be as they want to be. TO BE CONTINUED, the latest trailblazing group from Denzil Foster & Thomas McElroy (producer for En Vogue and Tony Toni Tone!), have borrowed a little from their favorite musical genres and tossed those influences together to create a sound which doesn't confirm to any of music's specified boundaries.

Even the make up of TO BE CONTINUED defies hip-hop's tradition of male dominated groups. While a number of groups of late have begun to incorporate male and female members, TO BE CONTINUED is the only co-ed hip-hop group which is female dominated. Members M&M Sweet, Spunky D and Whane Wayne say they want to broaden perceptions about how hip-hop is supposed to look and sound.

Post office employees advise students on maintaining mail box

By Shani White
Staff Writer

The "hoopla" surrounding registration would not be complete without a mailing address, better known to you and me as our

very own Post Office Box.

The campus post office houses some 8,000 boxes. Anyone who attends TSU for seven hours or more has to purchase a box.

Postmistress Charlie Temple has a few suggestions. First, you must remember your P.O. Box combination. There will be a verbal warning given the first time if you lose your combination. After that there will be a five dollar fine. The number printed on your P.O. Box is very important for both sending and receiving mail. Danielle Rhodes, assistant to Temple, said, "Without a number written visibly on your mail, the whole process is delayed," Rhodes said. "This has become a big issue here at TSU."

Throughout your time at TSU, your box number and combination will remain the same. Leaving campus, changing majors, or simply changing dorms, will not affect your box. All mail should be addressed to your name as it appears on your campus identification card, including the correct box number. Any mail without correct identification is placed in a re-sort bin. It then has to be separated by hand and identified by name or whatever little information was given.

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Sports

Tigers to face Jackson State after loss to FAMU

Antonio D. Terry ("The Push")
Staff Writer

The Tigers of Tennessee State University will face an uphill battle against their counterparts of Jackson State University this weekend in the Second Annual Chicago Football Classic following their 23-15 defeat at the hands of the Rattlers of Florida A&M University in Jacksonville last Saturday.

That will provide another opportunity for new TSU coach Bill Davis to earn a victory, in his effort to bring back the old TSU winning tradition.

Henry Arthur "The Fox" Kean, a man considered to be a "Teacher" rather than a "Coach," was the very foundation of this "Winning Tradition" at TSU. He laid the ground work for the late Great "Big John" Merritt, and now his spirit has brought a new "Sheriff," Head Coach Bill Davis, to town. However, the Kean spirit did not show up in Jacksonville, Florida.

Last Saturday was not only a bad day for the Big Blue Tigers, but it was also unfortunate for the 58 students who travelled 13 hours on a bus to support them. The students were stranded on the return trip when the brakes on the bus failed.

The Tigers problems began with a turnover on the 11-yard line. From there, FAMU scored a touchdown on third down and six on the six with 11:43

remaining in the first quarter.

Then, with 6:42 left in the first quarter, TSU fumbled the ball. Again FAMU capitalized by adding a three point field goal with 5:07 remaining to lead 10-0.

In the second quarter, TSU began a come back attempt with a sack of the FAMU quarterback by defensive back Cedric Davis. Then quarterback Chad German scored a touchdown on a 4-yard run, reducing FAMU's lead to 10-6. TSU attempted a two-point conversion, but was not successful. FAMU answered by scoring a field goal, making the score 13-6 with 2:26 left in the half. TSU came right back and also scored a field goal, making the score 13-9 at the half.

It didn't get any better the second half. FAMU added three more points by kicking a field goal in the 3rd quarter with 9:24, extending the lead to 16-9.

The Tigers had many chances to tie the ball game, but FAMU scored another touchdown off of a fumble to seal the lead to 23-9. The Tigers scored again but it wasn't enough to beat FAMU.

Looking at the difficulty of the schedule ahead, transfer quarterback Darryl Williams from Memphis State said, "It doesn't get any easier." TSU Tigers will face Jackson State next week in Chicago, then Grambling in Memphis, and the week after that, MTSU in Nashville.

All-American defensive back Randy Fuller said, "We are going to have to make some adjustments."

Kungfu heavyweight champion prepares for world Wushu tournament

By Neysa D. Ellery
Staff Writer

From being knocked out in his first boxing match to now being a Kungfu heavyweight champion, Felix Mitchell, a health/physical education and recreation major, has certainly come a long way. The Tennessee State junior won a coveted place on the United States of America Wushu-Kungfu Federation Team on Aug. 21, 1993, at the Baltimore Convention Center.

Now this first - degree black belt will be competing in the world Wushu tournament in Malaysia. And if the Olympic committee votes to include Wushu-Kungfu in 1996 Olympics, Mitchell will be representing the United States.

Mitchell's path started when he began boxing in 1984. Although he received numerous negative comments and attitudes, he always persisted and over-

came all obstacles. This early boxing skill was combined with an appreciation for old martial arts films in which discipline was the focal point. Later Mitchell joined the Army and participated in boxing at Fort Campbell for two years.

It was on this base that a friend informed him of a kickboxing class taught by Master Rusty Gray, who also won the Wushu tournament in 1989. By 1990 Mitchell was "bartering" for lessons — he'd teach boxing skills while Master Gray taught him martial arts techniques. Now all of his hard work is paying off!

Mitchell plans to open his own school for Kungfu after he graduates, but he says, "I just follow God's lead."

Presently he is preparing for the Malaysian competition and getting sponsors to help support his trip. But even if you can not help Felix Mitchell financially, he deserves your warmest congratulations because he is definitely one of Tennessee State's finest.



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